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Inmate Death at USP Leavenworth

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, December 31, 2020, inmate Thomas Church tested positive for COVID-19 at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Leavenworth's satellite camp in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was evaluated by institution medical staff for shortness of breath and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. During his hospital admission, his condition continued to decline. On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, he was intubated and placed on a ventilator. On Saturday, January 16, 2021, Mr. Church, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Church was a 63-year-old male who sentenced in the District of Kansas to a 157-month sentence for Conspiracy to Distribute 500 Grams or More of Methamphetamine. He had been at USP Leavenworth since February 1, 2017.

USP Leavenworth is a medium security facility with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp, which together currently house 1,535 male offenders.

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